

Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy

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Good Morning,

Thank you all for your patience as we have worked through the peer review timeline options. As we mentioned briefly at the April 16 Advisory Committee, the MPCA had been discussing the timeline and process internally and with ERG, our contractor for the peer review. We have decided that moving the peer review meeting to later in the summer is a prudent approach. This will accomplish three objectives:

- 1) Allow the MPCA additional time to further analyze the Study data and refine the Preliminary Analysis,
- 2) Provide more time to receive feedback on the Study and Analysis from the Advisory Committee, which ERG will provide to the peer reviewers for their consideration prior to the peer review meeting, and
- 3) Ensure the reviewers have plenty of time to delve into the Study reports, MPCA review

document and background materials prior to the meeting.

Based on these considerations and discussions with ERG about the best time to hold the meeting later in the summer, we now anticipate the following schedule for the peer review (please note that these rough dates will be further refined based on reviewers' schedules and the availability of a meeting venue):

Activity	Approximate Date/Timeframe (DRAFT)
MPCA continues to analyze the Study data and refine the analysis, considering comments from the Advisory Committee members	April – May 2014
MPCA review document and technical charge are sent (along with background materials) to peer reviewers and Advisory Committee members	Early June 2014
Advisory Committee members submit feedback on review document to MPCA; ERG sends this feedback to peer reviewers for their consideration	Late June/Early July 2014
Peer review meeting held	Early August 2014
Final meeting summary from ERG	Early September 2014

We appreciate your input as we strive to understand the new information generated by the Wild Rice Sulfate Standard Study and how to apply this new information to evaluate and, as needed, refine the sulfate standard to protect wild rice. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions.

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